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L. WE INFORMED QUAI OF CURRENT U.S. VIEW ON SPAIN/NATO
SUBJECT, AS SET FORTH IN REF A. QUAI OFFICIAL COMMENTED
THAT U.S. DECISION TO PURSUE MATTER THROUGH DPC MINIS-
TERIAL SEEMED REASONABLE. HE UNDERLINED THAT FRANCE WAS
NOT OPPOSED TO THE TYPE OF "VISIBILITY" THAT WOULD BE
GIVEN TO THE SPAIN/NATO RELATIONSHIP BY COMMUNIQUE
LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES ENVISIONED IN REF A, PARA 1.

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HE RECALLED THE FAVORABLE FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD
SPECIFIC SPAIN/NATO LINKS AS REFLECTED IN REF B, PARA 3,

AND ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PRODUCT OF FRANCO/
SPANISH AIR DEFENSE COOPERATION IS INJECTED INTO NATO'S
NADGE SYSTEM BY FRANCE. THIS, HE SAID, DEMONSTRATED IN
PRACTICAL TERMS FRANCE'S WILLINGNESS TO FIND CONCRETE
LINKS BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO -- WITHIN THE PARAMETERS
IMPOSED BY WELL KNOWN POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS AFFECTING
CERTAIN OF OUR NATO ALLIES.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GOF IS UNHAPPY TO
SEE VENUE FOR SPAIN/NATO ACTIVITY FOCUSING ON DPC
MINISTERIAL. GIVEN FRANCE'S ABSENCE FROM DPC, GOF CAN
EXPECT TO BE SPARED ANY POSSIBLE DISCOMFORT THAT OTHER-
WISE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE PRODUCT OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION
IN DECLARATION OF POLICY ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE POLITICAL
LEVEL IN NATO. AT THE SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE GOF VIEWS
SPAIN/NATO SUBJECT IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND PRAGMATIC LIGHT
SUGGESTED BY SAUVAGNARGUES TO AMBASSADOR RUSH IN REF B.
OUR QUAI SOURCE SEEMED SOMEWHAT UNSURE OF HIS GROUND AS
HE REPORTED SPAIN/France/NADGE RELATIONSHIP. THE
EMBASSY IS AWARE, HOWEVER, OF FRENCH/SPANISH DISCUSSIONS ON
TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF INTERFACE BETWEEN NADGE AND
SPANISH "COMBAT GRANDE" AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM.
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